

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 10 and 11 are cancelled and claims 2, 4 to 7 and 9 are amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A closed level control system for a vehicle having a vehicle body, vehicle axles and pressurized medium chambers with which the vehicle body is suspended relative to corresponding ones of said vehicle axles, the closed level control system comprising:

pressurized medium supply vessel means having first and second pressurized medium spaces for holding a medium under pressure as a pressurized medium;

said first and second pressurized medium spaces having no direct connection therebetween;

a compressor for transferring said pressurized medium between said pressurized medium supply vessel means and said pressurized medium chambers;

said compressor having an input and an output;

first and second controllable directional valves and each one of said valves having at least two switching states

comprising a first and a second switching state; and,

20       said first controllable directional valve being switchable  
to connect either said first pressurized medium space or said  
second pressurized medium space to said compressor input or to  
said compressor output so that pressurized medium from said  
pressurized medium chambers can be transferred into said first  
pressurized medium space or into said second pressurized medium  
space or pressurized medium from said first pressurized medium  
25       space or from said second pressurized medium space can be  
transferred to said pressurized medium chambers,

wherein said pressurized medium is pressurized air and said  
system further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

30       a first pressurized air line connecting said first  
controllable directional valve to said input of said compressor;

a second pressurized air line connecting said output of said  
compressor to said second controllable directional valve;

a third pressurized air line connecting said input of said  
compressor to said second controllable directional valve;

35       a fourth pressurized air line connecting said output of said  
compressor to said first controllable directional valve;

said pressurized medium chambers being connected to said  
second controllable directional valve;

40       said first pressurized air line being switched through by  
said first controllable directional valve in ~~[[a]]~~ said first  
switching state thereof and said second pressurized air line  
being switched through by said second controllable directional  
valve in ~~[[a]]~~ said first switching state thereof and said fourth  
pressurized air line being blocked by said first controllable

45 directional valve in said first switching state thereof and said  
third pressurized air line being blocked by said second  
controllable directional valve in said first switching state  
thereof when pressurized air is transferred from one of said  
first and second pressurized medium spaces into one of said  
50 pressurized medium chambers;

said third pressurized medium air line being switched  
through by said second controllable directional valve in [[a]]  
said second switch switching state thereof and said ~~first~~ fourth  
pressurized air line being switched through by said first  
55 controllable directional valve in [[a]] said second switching  
state thereof and said first pressurized air line being blocked  
by said first controllable directional valve and said second  
pressurized air line being blocked by said second controllable  
directional valve in [[a]] said second switching state thereof  
60 wherein pressurized air is transferred from one of said  
pressurized medium chambers into one of said first and second  
pressurized medium spaces;

a third controllable directional valve interposed between  
said first controllable directional valve and said pressurized  
65 medium spaces and said third controllable directional valve  
likewise having at least two switching states comprising a first  
and a second switching state;

said third controllable directional valve being switched  
into [[a]] said first switching state thereof to provide a  
70 connection from said first controllable direction valve to said  
first pressurized medium space and to block a connection to said  
second pressurized medium space; and,

said third controllable directional valve being switched into ~~[[a]]~~ said second switching state thereof to provide a  
75 connection from said first controllable directional valve to said second pressurized medium space and to block a connection to said first pressurized medium space.

3. (Original) The closed level control system of claim 2, wherein said first pressurized air line and said third pressurized air line conjointly define a common connecting point; and, wherein said closed level control system further comprises:

5 a first check valve mounted in said first pressurized air line between said common connecting point and said first controllable directional valve and said first check valve being disposed so as to be open toward said input of said compressor; and,

10 a second check valve mounted in said third pressurized air line between said common connecting point and said second controllable directional valve and said second check valve being open toward said input of said compressor.

4. (Currently Amended) The closed level control system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein said first and second pressurized medium spaces of said pressurized medium supply vessel means are separate first and second pressurized medium supply vessels.

5. (Currently Amended) The closed level control system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein said first and second pressurized medium spaces have different pressure levels.

6. (Currently Amended) The closed level control system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein the pressure in at least one of said first and second pressurized medium spaces is greater than the maximum actual compression end pressure of said compressor.

7. (Currently Amended) The closed level control system of ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, further comprising an additional air line connected into ~~[[a]]~~ one of said pressurized air ~~line~~ lines of said system to facilitate control of an external apparatus  
5 utilizing the pressure in at least one of said first and second pressurized medium spaces; and, the residual pressure in the other one of said pressurized medium spaces being available to execute a level change of said level control system directly after an external control operations.

8. (Original) The closed level control system of claim 7, wherein said external apparatus is a tire inflating device.

9. (Currently Amended) The closed level control system of claim 2, further comprising:

an air dryer mounted in said fourth pressurized air line;  
~~an intake valve switchable between a base position wherein~~  
5 ~~no throughflow is permitted and a switched position wherein~~  
~~throughflow is permitted;~~

an air inlet/air outlet;

an intake line ending at said ~~intake valve~~ air inlet/air  
outlet and connecting said input of said compressor to the  
10 atmosphere ~~when said intake valve is in said switched position~~

via said air inlet/air outlet;

~~a discharge~~ an additional controllable directional valve  
switchable between a base position wherein no throughflow is  
permitted and a switched position wherein throughflow is  
15 permitted to said air inlet/air outlet;

~~a discharge~~ said second pressurized line branching off from  
said fourth pressurized air line at a branch point between said  
output of said compressor and said air dryer and ending at said  
~~discharge~~ additional controllable directional valve; and,  
20 said pressurized medium supply vessel means being  
connectable to the atmosphere via said air dryer and said  
~~discharge~~ second pressurized line when said ~~discharge~~ additional  
controllable directional valve is in said switched position  
thereof.

Claims 10 and 11 (Cancelled).